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Proposed programme of work and budget for 2016–2017

Draft resolution submitted by Committee of the Whole

The United Nations Environment Assembly,

Having considered the approved medium-term strategy for 2014–2017[1] and the proposed programme of work and budget for the biennium 2016–2017,

Noting General Assembly resolutions 66/288 of 27 July 2012 and 67/213 of 21 December 2012, by which the Assembly strengthened the United Nations Environment Programme,

Noting the consideration given at the first session of the United Nations Environment Assembly to, inter alia, chemicals and waste, ecosystem-based approaches, air quality, illegal trade in wildlife, marine litter, science-policy interface, GEMS water and desertification,

1. *Approves* the programme of work for the biennium 2016–2017, taking into account relevant decisions of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. 2. *Also approves* appropriations for the Environment Fund in the amount of 271 million United States dollars, of which a maximum of 122 million dollars is allocated to defraying post costs for the biennium for the purposes indicated in the following table:

[1] UNEP/GC.27/9.

Environment Fund programme of work and budget for the biennium 2016–2017

(Thousands of United States dollars)

A. Executive direction and management	**9 500**
B. Programme of work	**231 500**
1. Climate change	42 000
2. Disasters and conflicts	20 500
3. Ecosystem management	40 000
4. Environmental governance	25 000
5. Chemicals and waste	36 000
6. Resource efficiency	49 000
7. Environment under review	19 000
C. Fund programme reserve	**14 000**
D. Programme support	**16 000**
Total	**271 000**

3. *Stresses* the importance of early, extensive and transparent consultations between the Executive Director, member States and the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the preparation of the draft programme of work and budget and the need for timely scheduling of meetings and provision of information to allow the full participation of all member States throughout this process, and in this regard welcomes the progress made;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of Governing Council decision 19/32, and requests the Executive Director to ensure that the secretariat provides the documentation and information related to the medium-term strategy and programme of work and budget to member States and the Committee of Permanent Representatives at least four weeks in advance of the meeting at which it is to be considered;

5. *Emphasizes* the need for comprehensive information, and full justification, regarding proposed expenditures and contributions from all sources of funding, including staffing information, to be provided to the Committee of Permanent Representatives well in advance of consideration of the programme of work and budget, and requests the Executive Director to hold timely consultations on the preparation of all future programmes of work and budgets prior to transmittal to other appropriate bodies;

6. *Stresses* the need for the programme of work and budget to be based on results-based management, and welcomes the progress in the implementation of the medium-term strategy for 2010-2013 as described in the performance report for the biennium 2012-2013;

7. *Notes* the progress made in increasing allocations from the Environment Fund to activities and operations in the 2016-2017 programme;

8. *Authorizes* the Executive Director to reallocate resources between subprogramme budget lines up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the subprogramme appropriation and inform the Committee of Permanent Representatives, and in duly justified exceptional circumstances to reallocate in excess of 10 per cent and up to 20 per cent of the appropriations from which resources are reallocated after prior consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives;

9. *Also authorizes* the Executive Director to adjust, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the level of Environment Fund allocations to subprogrammes, bringing them into line with possible variations in income compared with the approved level of appropriations;

10. *Further authorizes* the Executive Director to enter into forward commitments not exceeding 20 million United States dollars for Environment Fund activities for the biennium 2018–2019;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to apply a prudent approach to the management of resources from all sources, including the Environment Fund, including through the careful management of contractual arrangements;

12. *Also requests* the Executive Director to continue its current emphasis on the achievement of results for the achievement of programme objectives and the efficient and transparent use of resources to that end, subject to United Nations processes of review, evaluation and oversight;

13. *Further requests* the Executive Director to continue to report to member States, through the Committee of Permanent Representatives on a yearly basis, and to the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its biennial sessions, on the progress made in respect of the performance of each subprogramme and its expected accomplishments and on the execution of the budget of the Environment Fund, including voluntary contributions, expenditures and reallocations of appropriations or adjustments of allocations;[2]

14. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to report to member States, through the Committee of the Permanent Representatives, in a streamlined manner through the merging of progress reporting on administrative and budgetary matters with its programme performance reporting;

15. *Also requests* the Executive Director to continue to organize regular briefings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on the programme and budget performance of each subprogramme, to enable the Committee to perform its monitoring task adequately;

16. *Further requests* the Executive Director to ensure that the delivery of the programme of work supports and brings together regional and national programmes and activities in the medium-term strategy for the period 2018-2021 and the biennial programme of work and budget for 2016-2017 and takes into account regional priorities and regional frameworks, where they exist, and requests the Executive Director to include information on regional programmes and activities by region in the progress report on the implementation of the programme of work;

17. *Requests* the Executive Director to ensure that trust funds and earmarked contributions to the United Nations Environment Programme are used to fund activities that are in line with the programme of work, apart from those funds administered by the United Nations Environment Programme on behalf of other intergovernmental bodies;

18. *Urges* all member States and others in a position to do so to increase voluntary funding to the United Nations Environment Programme, including to the Environment Fund, and requests the Executive Director in the light of the universal membership of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue efforts to broaden the donor base and mobilize resources from all sources, including from stakeholders;

19. *Recalls* the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development stating that the United Nations Environment Programme should have secure, stable, adequate and increased financial resources from the regular budget of the United Nations, and voluntary contributions to fulfil its mandate, and invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations in his budget proposals for an allocation from the United Nations regular budget for 2016-2017 to the United Nations Environment Programme to take into account the need to continue implementing paragraph 88, subparagraphs (a)-(h) of the outcome document, as well as opportunities for increasing the efficient use of resources;

20. *Notes* that the work programme and budget for the biennium 2016–2017 is part of a continuing process and that the allocation of the United Nations regular budget to the United Nations Environment Programme will be approved by the United Nations General Assembly at its seventieth session;

21. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit a report to the United Nations Environment Assembly at its second session on any implications of the latest information on funding on the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

22. *Notes* the positive effect of the Voluntary Indicative Scale of Contributions to broaden the base of contributions to, and to enhance predictability in the voluntary financing of the Environment Fund, and requests the Executive Director to continue adapting the Voluntary Indicative scale of contributions, inter alia, in the light of the universal membership of the United Nations Environment Programme, in accordance with decisions SS.VII/1 and any subsequent decisions, and requests the Executive Director to report to the United Nations Environment at its second session;

23. *Requests* the Executive Director to provide the subcommittee on budgetary matters of the Committee of Permanent Representatives at its second session with options to secure the participation at the open-ended Committee of Permanent Representatives and the United Nations Environment Assembly delegates from developing countries, in particular the least developed

[2] UNEP/GC.27/2, para. 11.

countries and small island developing States with special vulnerabilities with a view to informing the Executive Director's next request for regular budget resources through the appropriate channels;

24. *Also requests* the Executive Director, in line with General Assembly resolution 67/213 of 2012, to provide the subcommittee on budgetary matters of the Committee of Permanent Representatives with options to secure the servicing of the governing bodies in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 1972 with a view to informing the Executive Director's next request for regular budget resources through the appropriate channels;

25. *Further requests* the Executive Director to submit for consideration and approval by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its second session, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives, a prioritized, results-oriented and streamlined medium-term strategy for the period 2018-2021 and a programme of work and budget for the biennium 2018–2019;

26. *Requests* the Executive Director to continue to monitor and manage the share of the Environment Fund devoted respectively to post costs and non-post costs while clearly prioritizing the application of the resources of the Environment Fund to programme activities.